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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN BACKGROUNDER ON VORSTER-
MONDALE DISCUSSIONS

MAPUTO FOR AMB YOUNG'S PARTY

THE FOLLOWING DISPATCH DATELINED VIENNA, MAY 17,
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QUOTE: PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER WILL PROBABLY
WARN THE UNITED STATES THIS WEEK THAT PRESSURE FOR
BLACK RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA COULD ENCOURAGE COMMUNISM
AND VIOLENCE, SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

QUOTE THE PRIME MINISTER PLANNED TO TELL VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE DURING TALKS IN VIENNA ON THURSDAY

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THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS AN INDEPENDENT STATE, AND THAT OUTSIDERS WERE NOT ENTITLED TO INTERFERE IN THE COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

QUOTE THE OFFICIALS, EXPLAINING PRETORIA'S POLICY BEFORE MR. VORSTER'S ARRIVAL TONIGHT, SAID SOUTH AFRICA BELIEVED 'THAT TO ASK FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE IS TO ASK FOR VIOLENCE.' SUCH A DEMAND COULD PROVOKE A COMMUNIST THREAT AND NATIONAL UNREST, IF PRESSED.

QUOTE MR. VORSTER INTENDED TO STRESS THIS VIEW 'IN VERY CLEAR LANGUAGE' DURING TALKS WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT STARTING ON THURSDAY MORNING, THE OFFICIALS SAID.

QUOTE THE LEADERS HAVE SET ASIDE UP TO SEVEN HOURS FOR A BROAD DISCUSSION ON ALL PROBLEMS AFFECTING SOUTHERN AFRICA AT THE HIGHEST-LEVEL US-SOUTH AFRICAN ENCOUNTER SINCE WASHINGTON BEGAN NEW EFFORTS LAST YEAR TO OVER-COME RACIAL TENSIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

QUOTE IN CONTRAST TO THE FORD ADMINISTRATION, PRESIDENT CARTER IS REPORTED TO FEEL THAT US POLICY TOWARD AFRICA SHOULD NOT OMIT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA IN EXCHANGE FOR MR. VORSTER'S COOPERATION IN ACHIEVING NEGOTIATIONS IN RHODESIA.

QUOTE THE US LOOKS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN COOPERATION IN
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HELPING TO MOVE RHODESIA TOWARDS BLACK MAJORITY RULE, AND NAMIBIA (SOUTH WEST AFRICA) TOWARD INDE-PENDENCE.

QUOTE WHILE MR. MONDALE IS NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE SPECIFIC DEMANDS ON SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL POLICIES, HE IS EXPECTED TO OUTLINE THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW ON PROGRESS IN DISMANTLING SEGREGATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

QUOTE SECURITY MEN FROM THREE NATIONS ARRANGED BLANKET PROTECTION TO ENSURE A TROUBLEFREE CONFERENCE. MR. MONDALE REACHES VIENNA TOMORROW.

QUOTE WHITE HOUSE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS COORDINATED THE SECURITY STRATEGY WITH AUSTRIAN POLICE AND SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS.

QUOTE HUNDREDS OF POLICE WERE ASSIGNED TO THE NINE-MILE ROUTE FROM SCHWECHAT AIRPORT AND TO OTHER KEY

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LOCATIONS TO GUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE TROUBLE FROM ANTI-
APARTHEID DEMONSTRATORS. BUT OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAD
NO GROUNDS FOR UNDUE ANXIETY.

QUOTE MR. VORSTER SAID IN AN INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT
HE INTENDED TO PUT SOUTH AFRICA'S CASE IN VIENNA,
BUT 'NOT TO TAKE ORDERS.'

QUOTE MR. MONDALE FLIES HERE FROM MADRID TOMORROW
MORNING AND WILL HAVE TALKS WITH AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR
BRUNO KREISKY, WHO IS SEEKING TO BUILD UP VIENNA'S
ROLE AS AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING PLACE. MR. VORSTER
WILL ALSO HAVE PRIVATE TALKS WITH THE CHANCELLOR.END QUOTE.

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